THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). State-wise egg production of the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given in the attached Statement. The National target for the egg production for 1991-92 is 22.8 billion eggs. National/State-wise data relating to production and targets in respect of chickens (broiler) are not compiled.

(c) to (e). Information is still awaited from the States and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

LPG Bottling Plants

2348. SHRI D.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling Plants in the country till todate; and

(b) the number of LPG bottling plants in Tamil Nadu and their capacity of filling cylinders?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) 77 as on 1.4.1991.

(b) There are 5 Bottling Plants in Tamil Nadu, with an average filling capacity of 30700 cylinders per day.

Demand of Petroleum Products

2349. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise projection figures regarding the annual demand of petroleum products during the Eighth Plan;

(b) the details regarding the annual indigenous oil production during the Eight Plan at the existing rate of extraction and possible addition;

(c) whether the Government have any clear-cut policy for lessing out areas for oil exploration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yearwise projected demand of petroleum products during Eighth Plan are as under:-

(Fig. in TMT)

Year	*Demand*
1992-93	60711
1993-94	63870
1994-95	68716
1995-96	74110
1996-97	79368

(b) The Eighth Five Year Plan is still to be finalised.

(c) and (d). 39 Offshore and 33 Onshore blocks have been offered for exploration to foreign and private Indian companies under the Fourth Round of bidding.

Production of Oilseeds

2350. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of oilseeds have declined over the last three years;